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THE SITUATION IN MOROCCO

I. Indochina Crisis also Affects French in

Morocco:

A. Moroccan nationalist^s--extremist,
terrorist--expected exert continued or
greater effort.

1. Unable throw French out: but can tie
up troops needed elsewhere.
2. Nationalists seeking, getting support
Arab-Asian states.

B. Other hand, French, losing in Indochina,
more determined hold North Africa.

C. Communists expected take advantage.

1. First Orbit broadcasts beamed North
Africa heard 27 May (Budapest).
2. Extremist situation increases
likelihood CP participation with
Nationalists against French.

II. Prospects:

A. French concern shown 20 May change

Resident General (Lacoste for Guillaume).

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1. Few indications yet Lacoste program.

(a) Personally favors more moderate

policy.

(b) "Nationalists" invited Paris
talks 2 June.

(c) Reportedly plan bring exiled
ex-sultan to France from
Madagascar.

B. Lacoste's task extremely difficult:

1. Friction, frustration, distrust, since
1950 hardened positions.

(a) Tough anti-nationalist policy
French settlers unchanged.

(b) Nationalists probably not settle
short public promise independence
with timetables and immediate
steps autonomy. Change sultans
not enough.

2.

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only way out for French is:

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- (a) Release Nationalists; collaborate with them; no others have support Moroccan masses.
- (b) Replace present sultan for one who could command widespread respect.
- (c) Warns, in view of settler opposition, improvement must come from Paris.

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